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AND METHOD, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM

Date: October 12, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Interview Statement in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	MINUS	28	0	x \$9 \$18	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	7	MINUS	8	0	x \$44 \$88	0
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- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address below.

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INTERVIEW STATEMENT

Sir:

On October 7, 2004, Applicant's representative held an interview with Examiner Vikkram Bali regarding the present invention. Applicant's representative wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing Applicant's representative to meet with him, and for the courtesies extended by Examiner Bali during the interview.

Applicant's representative and Examiner Bali discussed U.S. Patent No. 5,821,997 (Kawamura), and U.S. Patent No. 6,453,071 (Ito). The Examiner explained his understanding of the disclosure of those patents. Applicant's representative explained the claimed invention and the distinctions between the claimed invention and the cited art, as Applicant understands them. During the interview, the Examiner focused particularly on Ito, at column 17, lines 2-6, stating:

If the reproduced image data is to be displayed by EVF 12, it is expanded by the compression/expansion unit 7, converted into analog signals by the D/A converter 11, and supplied to EVF 12 to display images.

Applicant's representative pointed out that the paragraph containing that statement related to displaying an image that previously had been recorded on a recording medium in a compressed state. In contrast, Applicant's representative pointed out that the invention of Claim 1 displays the compression-encoded/decoded image data before recording the data on an external recording medium.

Applicant's representative understood the Examiner's position to be that Claim 1 covers an EVF displaying such data even after having been recorded because he considered Claim 1 to require at least a buffer that records the compression-encoded/decoded image data before it is displayed.

As explained in the Remarks to the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith, such an interpretation impermissibly adds a limitation not recited in the claims. In addition, such a buffer is not an external recording medium as recited in Claim 1.

Applicant's representative also discussed with the Examiner proposed claim amendments, specifically to Claim 1. The Examiner stated that he considered the amendments to present new issues. Accordingly, the Examiner stated that he would not enter such amendments in an Amendment After Final Rejection. The Examiner stated that if the amendments were presented in an amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination, he would not issue a final Office Action, if he were to reject the claims as amended.

Applicant's representative again thanks the Examiner for his consideration and courtesy during the interview.

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Respectfully submitted,

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